



# ***Committee on City Property***

September 17, 2007 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**  
Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber, Room 213

## **View Minutes**

1. Communication, DPI Commissioner Labelle, to Councillor Morad, Chairperson, Committee on City Property, declaring A PORTION OF PLOT 130B, LOT 912, PARCEL A, CONTAINING 115.5 SQUARE FEET, as SURPLUS PROPERTY; also including Metes and Bounds and Map for Parcel A and remainder of Lot 912. (Ref'd 2/8/07, sent letters to City Departments, if no interest within 14 days, RFP's drawn up for bidding process 3/29/07)
- 1 a. Communication, Mr. Picard.
2. Communication, Councillor Morad, Chairperson Committee on City Property to City Departments regarding their interest in the west side of Conduit Street, Plot 127, Lot 275, which was declared Surplus Property.
3. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City look into parcels of land that may be available for the purpose of putting together a track for two and four wheelers, possibly looking at the City dump or any other parcels of land that are available, due to the increasing requests for such a track to be located in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 6/23/05)

***INVITEES: Representative of the Board of Assessors; Representative of the City Solicitors Office; Blair Bailey Tax Title Attorney***

4. Communication, Patrick J. Sullivan, Director, Community Development to Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson, City Property Committee, re: Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, for the redevelopment of vacant and distressed properties: The Civil Defense Building (109 Hillman Street), the Fire Repair Station (1558 Purchase Street), and the Former Ingraham School (80 Rivet Street). (Ref'd 3/21/07, letter to Patrick Sullivan to draft RFP's, and present them at the next City Property meeting)

***INVITEES: Patrick Sullivan, Director Community Development***

***Chair suggests Receiving & Placing on File & taking No Further Action on the following:***

5. Communication, Blair S. Bailey Esq. Tax Title Attorney, to City Council, re: Acquisition of New Tax Possession, advising that he City has acquired the following property as Tax Possession: 1460-1462 Acushnet Avenue, Plot 99/Lot 4, Area of 4.410 square feet. (Ref'd 9/28/06)
6. Communication, Blair S. Bailey, Esq. Tax Title Attorney, to City Council, re: Acquisition of New Tax Possession, advising that the City has acquired the following property as Tax Possession: E. S. Acushnet Avenue, Plot 99, Lot 47, Area of 3,795 square feet. (Ref'd 9/28/06)
7. Communication, Blair S. Bailey, Esq. Tax Title Attorney, to City Council, re; Acquisition of New Tax Possession, advising that the city ahs acquired the following property as Tax Possession: S.S. Chaffee Street, Plot 130A, Lot 117, Area of 6,000 square feet. (Ref'd 9/28/06)
8. Communication, Blair S. Bailey, Esq., Tax Title Attorney, to City Council, re: Acquisition of New Tax Possession, advising that the City has acquired the following property as a Tax Possession: W.S. Belleville Avenue, Plot 99, Lot 70, Area of 4,819 square feet. (Ref'd 9/28/07)

9. Communication, Blair S. Bailey, Esq., Tax Title Attorney, to City Council re: Acquisition of New Tax Possession, advising that the City has acquired the following property as Tax Possession: 174 Duchaine Boulevard, Plot 136, Lot 354, Area of 87,213 square feet. (Ref'd 9/28/06)

***Chair suggests No Further Action on the following matters:***

10. Petition, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of Tony DaSilva of 403 ROCKDALE AVENUE, that a SIDEWALK be installed in front of his home under the Betterment Act. (Ref'd 8/21/97, 8/26/97 plans requested, referred to City Property 4/1/04)
11. Petition, Councillors Gonsalves, & Smith on behalf of Joan E. Thibault, that a sidewalk be installed on CAROLL STREET, SOUTH SIDE, approximately 31 feet between ROCKDALE AVENUE AND WHITTER STREET under the Betterment Act. (Ref'd 9/25/97, 10/1/97 plans requested, referred to City Property 4/1/04)
12. Communication, Councillor Rogers, to the City Solicitor Leontire re: sale of BEACON STREET to Executive Mitsubishi, Executive KIA. (Ref'd 8/20/98, tabled 2/11/02)
13. Communication, Councillor Gonsalves to Heather McDonald explaining the procedure for applying for a Betterment Sidewalk. (Ref'd 8/19/99, plans requested 8/27/99, referred to City Property 4/1/04)
14. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of Mary Frances Caravanana of 16-18 Robert Street, requesting that a SIDEWALK be installed in front of her home under the Betterment Act. (Ref'd 3/23/00, requested plans 4/25/00, referred to City Property on 4/1/04)
15. Petition, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of Kenneth and Sandra Tavares of 989 Ridge Street, requesting that a SIDEWALK be installed under the Betterment Act, in front of their property on RIDGE STREET, west side, between Alden Street and Winterville Road; and, around the corner to the property line. (Ref'd 3/23/00, requested plans 4/25/00, referred to City Property 4/1/04)
16. Communication, Ad Hoc Committee on Animal Control, requesting that the City Property Committee to research the City Property records and determine if there are any available buildings that could house Animal Advocates and offer them a bigger space than what they have now. (Ref'd 8/10/00)
17. Petition, Councillor Gomes, on behalf of Joe Lobo, 17 Maryanne Way, Dartmouth, and owner of property at 279 and 281 County Street, New Bedford, requesting that the City Property Committee meet for the purposes of selling the City property at 275 and 275 1/2 County Street, which is a vacant lot. (Ref'd 4/26/01)
18. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, that the Committee on City Property meet with Antonio Moacha, President of the Amadores, DeBola and Cultura, 766 County Street, New Bedford, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Committee can assist them in finding a suitable location for their Soccer Club. (Ref'd 8/16/01)
19. Petition, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of William Harrison, 364 John Street, New Bedford, that a sidewalk be installed in front of said address under the Betterment Act. (Ref'd 9/25/01, letter sent 5/29/02, referred to City Property 4/1/04)
20. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Matthew Thomas, Tax Title Attorney, informing him of his disappointment that he failed to attend the Ordinance Committee Meeting that was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> to give the Committee an update on the status of 78 Hathaway Road, the property which has been sought so vigorously by Jean Bumpus and Attorney Smasgez, the people responsible for the Pet Sanctuary. (Ref'd 12/20/01)

21. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Pimental, that the Committee on City Property meet with the Harmony House Director Steve Motembault, and the Board of Directors, for the purpose of assisting his organization with an appropriate location to site their recovering alcohol and drug programs; and further, that the City Treasurer provide the City Property Committee with an updated list of City and Tax Title Properties throughout the City. (Ref'd 5/23/02)
22. Order, that the City of New Bedford hereby declares the parcel of property acquired by the City of New Bedford through a Decree of the Land Court in tax lien case # 68842, dated November 9, 1989 on record in Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds at book 2408, page 93 to be municipal property and that said parcel is herein placed in control and custody of the Board of Park Commissioners. Said parcel is shown on City of New Bedford Assessor's Map 132 as Lot 28. (Ref'd 8/13/02)
23. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that PACE, Community Development, the Mayor's Office and the Committee on City Property participate in a "brainstorming" meeting to explore and strategize how the City can provide more affordable housing for it's people, preferably through non-profit agencies, or, if necessary through non-profit entities such as banks, developers, etc.; and further, that the City's property list be examined to determine if any properties are available that would be suitable for building these so badly needed affordable housing developments and/or public accommodations. (Ref'd 11/14/02, referred to City Property 9/8/03)
24. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Administration provide a list of all the properties that are currently a part of the City's inventory of land and properties, including any used and all of the City, in order to review that salability of these properties, with an eye towards getting them on New Bedford's Active and Income producing tax rolls. (Ref'd 1/9/03, tabled 4/21/05 until Matt Thomas submits a list to Committee)
25. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committees on City Property and Appointments and Briefings meet with the Director of Reflections, Kelly Sousa-Simas, as well as Board members, for the purpose of assisting the organization in finding a new location within the City that provides space for their walk-in service and also provide housing accommodations; and further, that the Administration and or Tax Title Attorney provide the Committees with an updated list of all City owned properties that are available to purchase and/or possibly provide available space in a "suitable location." (Ref'd 4/10/03)
26. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting on behalf of AGATHA MARTINS, 59 Query Street, also the property owner of 190 Nash Road, Plot 103-341, that the Committee on City Property meet to discuss the possibility of selling the "back" piece of Plot 103-248, 1681-1683 Acushnet Avenue, that borders Ms. Martins property lines on the southwest side; said property, (103-248) is, at the present time, in tax title court. (Ref'd 4/10/03)
27. Communication, Councillor Rogers to Peter Barney, Chairman, Board of Assessors; Daniel Patten, CFO/Treasurer; and Matthew Thomas, City Solicitor, regarding Pat Reynolds, 963 Brantwood Street and her desire to obtain a lot through the "Abutter Lots Program". (Ref'd 8/21/03)
28. Communication, Councillor Fortes, to City Solicitor Matthew Thomas, Esq., on behalf of Mark Liarikos, 25 Sycamore Street, who is seeking to acquire Plot/Lot 65/225 under Abutter Lots Program. (Ref'd 10/9/03, Referred from Internal Affairs 3/15/06)
29. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of Joe DaCosta, 163 Belleville Road, requesting that the Betterment Sidewalk be installed in front of 17 WEST STREET. (Ref'd 3/25/04)
30. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting on behalf of Robert and Sharon Perry, 337 Hersom Street, that the City take immediate "emergency" action to remove and install new and/or repair the old sidewalk in front of said address due to the fact that said sidewalk is cracked, lifting up and in deplorable condition, creating a hazard to public safety and a liability to the City; and further, that the

roots of the trees at that location be cut and removed so the new and/or repaired sidewalk will not be affected in the same manner, creating further costs to the City. (Ref'd 4/7/04, tabled 4/21/05)

31. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, on behalf of David and Suzanne Beaulieu, 912 Monmouth Street, that a portion of Barlett Street, from its intersect with Norwood Street, be DISCONTINUED. (Ref'd 4/22/04, tabled 4/21/05)
32. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that Robert Thatcher, Commissioner of Inspectional Services and Patrick Sullivan, Director of Community Development, research the number of abandoned and condemned houses in the City, and investigate the status on said properties to determine if they can be refurbished and placed back on the active tax roll or if demolition should be considered; and further, that Director Patrick Sullivan inform this Councillor if a "yet to be determined amount of money" could be put aside within Community Development for any future work that will be done. (Ref'd 4/14/05)
33. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Mayor's Office, City Solicitor Matt Thomas and Superintendent of Parks and Public Places Kenneth Blanchard explore allowing our City trucks to pick up trash/debris from vacant lots that residents in the area have taken the initiative to clean, further, to include the requests of properties owned by the Redevelopment Authority and/or other City entities; and further, to ask the Health Department to cite (if applicable) those who are not complying, which will then allow the City to take care of the cleanup and bill the owners. (Ref'd 4/28/05)
34. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the Mayor provide the City Council Committee on City Property with any surplus/mothballed property that may be reused by our Sister Cities, e.g., Cape Verde's Cities of Praia and Mindelo to further enhance our Sister City Relationship. (Ref'd 05/26/05)
35. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, on behalf of Lori Healy, 158 Ayers Street, requesting the City Solicitor/City to sell them the portion of land on the south side of their property -25- feet which has been in Land Court for some time; a portion of this land is at Haskell's Nursery; however, this is the remaining part that abuts the property, namely, Plot 89, lot 288. (Ref'd 6/23/05)
36. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting that the City Solicitor advise the Committee on City Property as to the status of the property on Tilton and Caroline Streets (near the Caroline Street Apartments); further, if and when the property is no longer in litigation, whether or not the property is no longer in litigation, whether or not the property could be acquired by the City, and whether or not it could be subsequently transferred to the Housing Authority; and further, in the meantime, if this property can be cleared of debris and overgrowth due to the eyesore and nuisance it presents to the neighborhood. (Ref'd 7/21/05)
37. Written Motion, Councillor Fortes, requesting, that the Solicitor and Inspectional Services Departments address the many abandoned buildings scattered throughout the City of New Bedford with the intention of recommending either refurbishing or demolishing said buildings; further, that the numerous vacant lots overgrowth of weeds and filled with refuse be cleaned; and further requesting that the Committee on City Property be provided with a report on what the City has done in the past year to address both of these concerns since they have been repeatedly submitted for action. (Ref'd 9/8/05)